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A Formal Opening — Our Ladies' Costume Room & Suit Section

We have brought forward in this superb showing many models from the style creators of Paris as well as matchless costumes of American make, adapted from French creations. This display will be a delight to every devotee of fashion. It correctly reveals the trend of authentic fashion. Costumes for street, evening and reception wear—tailored suits in extreme novelties, wraps for carriage and evening wear, crepe de chene dresses for street and evening at ..... **$35, $49, $57.50 and up to $198.00**
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Tailored suits, exclusive styles, sample garments, at..... **$24.50, $29, $35, $49 and up to $75**
SPECIAL NOTE—A special line of extra size skirts and suits has been added enabling extra stout ladies' to be fitted as easily as others.

A Special Event for Saturday.

Splendid Easter Designs at $3.50—the most meritorious hats ever presented at this price—beautifully and elaborately trimmed in latest garniture, at..... **$3.50**

Prettily Trimmed Hats at $2.50—Made in the very latest and most attractive styles—charming effects in late shapes, at..... **$2.50**

Fancy Straw Hats at $1.69—Ladies' and misses' fancy Straw Hats, in late spring effects, flower and ribbon trimmed, at..... **$1.69**

Ready to Wear Street Hats.

A stunning street Hat, daintily trimmed with flowers and ribbon to match, at..... **$3.50**

Unusually fetching designs in the new straws, black and colored, handsomely trimmed, at..... **$5**

Untrimmed straw Hats for ladies and misses, at..... **49c**

White Untrimmed Straw Hat, with fancy edge, new and attractive shapes, at, each..... **69c**

Our array of fancy flowers for trimming was never equalled for beauty and variety.

Foliage in great assortment, per bunch..... **19c**

Five June Roses in a bunch, pink and white, at..... **39c**

Poppies in all colors, five in a bunch, at..... **29c**

Sale of Ladies' Easter Gloves

Thousands of brand new and perfect kid gloves at an extraordinary bargain for Easter selling. All the latest spring shades—made of real kid and German lambskin—all sizes—on great bargain square worth up to $1.00, at..... **59c**

Finest Easter Gloves

The very highest grade of real kid gloves—including Perrin's celebrated 'first quality,' Perrin's La Mure and Werthei mers Sovereign gloves—finest selected kid—latest spring shades, at **$1.00, $1.50, $2**

Ladies' Easter Neckwear

Lace silk, etamine, canvas and Bulgarian effects—the swellest neckwear for Easter wear, hundreds of beautiful designs, at..... **15c-25c**

$1.00 Silk Veils at 50c Each

Chenille dots on silk chiffon, black, brown, navy and champagne shades—ready to wear, usually sell at $1.00, at..... **50c**

Ladies', Men's and Children's Hosiery—dozens of styles—great bargains, pair **10c-15c**

Finest Imported Hosiery—Lace effects, open work, drop stitch, etc.—fancy designs—at, pair..... **25c-35c-50c**

Elegant Silk Petticoats

Beautiful petticoats to complete your Easter costume—heavy taffeta silk petticoats, double and triple ruffles, silk underlay, lace trimmed flounces, etc.—new colors, $4.98, $7.00, $9.98 and up to $35.00.

Stunning Silk & Satin Waists

Superb stock of new peau de soie taffeta, Jap silk, crepe de chene, all-over lace, Irish crochet, white and ecru nets, etc., prices, $3.98, $7.50, up to $35.00.

Swell Jackets and Wraps

New tan covert, broadcloth, peau de soie and Shantung, jackets, coats and wraps, including swellest short and long effects, at $4.98 to $45.00.

Walking & Dress Skirts

Hundreds of new styles in all the very swellest materials, Walking skirts from $2.98 to $25.00. Dress skirts from $4.98 to $49.00.

Children's Wraps—In New Children's Dept.

The most up-to-date children's department west of Chicago, the most desirable conceits for school and dress, prices $2.98 to $20.00. Special showing, little misses' two-piece suits, ages 13, 15, 17, at $5.98 up to $17.50.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

All that Morris Cheslar Possesses Goes Up in Flames.

WIFE AND LITTLE ONE BARELY ESCAPE

Father Who Suffers Third Such Disaster is Out Peddling When All His Belongings Are Lost.

The home of Morris Cheslar, peddler, 2811 Chicago street, was completely gutted by fire shortly before noon yesterday. The fire is said to have started while Mrs. Cheslar was igniting the kitchen stove with coal oil. The household goods, valued at $400, were practically all destroyed, with no insurance, and the house, a six-room modern structure, was burned to such an extent as to preclude the possibility of its being built over at a profit. The Payne Investment company, agents for the house, place their loss on the building at $1,000, covered by insurance.

At the time of the fire Mrs. Cheslar was alone with her 3-year-old child, and the woman states that the sudden burst of flame bewildered her and she became further panic-stricken when the kitchen door refused to yield to her efforts to open it. She then broke open a nearby window, cutting one of her wrists in making her escape with the infant. Mrs. Cheslar's hair was considerably singed, but otherwise she and the child escaped injuries.

Mrs. Cheslar's screams then attracted her oldest daughter, who had gone a block away on an errand and an alarm was telephoned. Several passing strangers attempted to save some of the household goods, but the fire had reached such proportions that they succeeded in saving only a few articles of small value. A strong wind blowing at the time, accelerated the flames, so that the house and contents were quickly doomed. Mrs. Cheslar said she and her eldest daughter had been sewing diligently for several weeks on their Easter clothing, which was all consumed, leaving only such garments as they happened to be wearing at the time. The rest of the children were at school and Mr. Cheslar was out peddling.

Griefstricken Over Fire.

Mrs. Cheslar and her daughter took the loss much to heart, giving vent to pitiful expressions as the fire was consuming all they possessed of this world's good.

The Cheslars are nine in number, there being seven children, the youngest an infant of 3 years, and the oldest a daughter of 17. The family is practically thrown out into the world with nothing of any consequence. In her anguish Mrs. Cheslar said this morning, "I don't know what we will do. We have lost all."

A strange fatality in the way of fires seems to hover over the Cheslar family, this being the third conflagration since they have lived in Omaha. About a year ago their little grocery store at Twenty-seventh and Dodge streets was partially destroyed by fire, when Mr. Cheslar went into the peddling business. The other fire occurred at their home in another part of the city.

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CLOSE THE EBENEZER HOME

Police Order Mrs. Benedict to Cease the Conduct of Alleged Institution

As the result of a prolonged investigation by the police and of a visit by Police Sergeants Sigwart and Gibbons to the Ebenezer home, Twenty-sixth and Spencer streets, Thursday afternoon that home will be closed by order of Chief of Police Donahue.

The inmates of the "home" were found to be five little boys, supposedly brought here from some other city to be used as a means of establishing a right to call the place a charitable institution. Mrs. Benedict was the self-appointed head of the "home." The boys presented an unkempt appearance, their faces looking as though they might not have seen soap and water for a month and their hair disheveled. Their sleeping apartments are said to be scantily furnished, suggesting the appearance of a hovel rather than such a home as Mrs. Benedict represented to many who have assisted her. Many of the windows of the house were broken and dirt was everywhere.

Upon being questioned by the sergeants Mrs. Benedict referred to a woman sitting at a table as being the "instructor." The woman was approached, found to be totally blind and feigning to be reading out of a book turned upside down.

Mrs. Benedict has been arrested several times before, both in Omaha and Chicago, for running alleged "homes" and imposing on the charitably inclined public.

LAUGHS AT STETSON STORY

Member of School Board Declares Idea is Preposterous and Strongly Resembles a Bluff.

"The announcement that State Superintendent Stetson of Maine will come to Omaha only on condition that he receive a salary of $6,000 a year, is offered a five-year contract and guaranteed absolute freedom in the selection and control of the teaching staff, causes me to smile," said a school board man. "The whole story which appeared in a local paper looks to me like a gigantic bluff on the part of either Mr. Stetson or some of his misguided friends. The idea that Omaha can stand $6,000 a year as salary for the superintendency of schools is out of the question; talk of a five-year contract is foolish, especially considering an untried man, and the authority provision is preposterous.

"I have tried to find out what truth there is in the tale and cannot run it to earth. My own opinion is that the Stetson people are trying to make capital out of a phase of human nature and cause Omaha people to demand Mr. Stetson, simply because he is hard to get. It may be a move to hatch a plan to boost the salary to $4,000 or something of that kind, but you can depend upon it, it is not bona fide."

County Superintendent E. J. Bodwell has filed a formal application for the superintendency, but Principal Waterhouse and Superintendent Stetson have not. Mr. Bodwell declares he will make a spirited effort for the place.

IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE PRIZES

Amounts of Awards to Be Given for Beautification of City Determined On.

The Omaha Civic Improvement league has completed its schedule of improvement prizes. There are now seventy-five of these and the amount subscribed is $300. These prizes are divided into four classes, all for boys and girls not more than 15 years old. One prize of $10, open for the entire city, will go for the best kept vacant lot. For the best 200-word essay on "How to Beautify Omaha" $5 has been hung up. This is open for any boy or girl in the city. Then there are thirty-six ward prizes to win, one of $10, $7.50, $5 and $2.50 each in each ward, these being for the best kept front and back yards. The fourth class of prizes are for essays on the same subject—how to make the city physically better—and are thirty-seven in number, being one to each school house in the city. The winners of these will get a year's subscription to "Boys and Girls," a magazine. The essays are to be in and the prizes awarded April 20. The season for improving lots and yards begins April 15, and the contest will end September 1.

DIES JUST ONE DAY TOO LATE

Insured, Whose Widow Sues for Policy, Succumbs After Insurance Expires.

SUCH IS RULING AND COMPANY WINS CASE

Decision Settles Litigation Which Has Been Pending for Years in the United States Circuit Court.

Judge W. H. Munger of the United States circuit court handed down a decision giving judgment for the defendants, including costs, in the case of Jane Johnson, administratrix and plaintiff, against the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, defendant. The decision is rather a finding of fact which is essentially the same as a decision.

The case is one that has been in litigation in the circuit court for several years. Frank C. Johnson, deceased, was the husband of the plaintiff in the case, and died between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock p. m. September 28, 1896. He carried an insurance policy in the defendant company and suit was brought to recover. It has been contested on the part of defendants because the policy had expired nearly three years prior through the insured's alleged failure to pay the requisite premiums which were due annually on November 11 of each year, and the last payment the deceased had made, according to the company, was November 11, 1893.

Sustains the Application.

The court finds that on submission of additional testimony the application is sustained and the former submission is set aside, and further finds that the deceased, Frank C. Johnson, on whose life the policy was issued, had paid the first three premiums on their due dates, but that default was made in the premium falling due November 11, 1893. The insured was entitled to extended insurance after the policy ceased and determined on November 11, 1893, for two years and 321 days from that date, which extended the insurance to September 27, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon. To this conclusion the plaintiff excepts. However, the defendant is entitled to and is awarded judgment, to which conclusion the plaintiff also objects.

The peculiarity of the case lies in the fact that the insured party died just one day after his insurance expired. The plaintiffs still object to the decision handed down and it is probable that a new hearing will ensue.

ASK BONDS FOR NEW SCHOOLS

South Side Second Warders Petition Board to Submit Question to Popular Vote.

Petitions circulated by the South Side Second Ward Improvement club demanding that the Board of Education authorize the submission of the question of voting $100,000 school building bonds to the people next fall are being rapidly filed, according to members of the club. Twenty of the documents have been sent out for signatures in the south part of town and several have been returned, complete, and holding more than 400 names. The southsiders want new schools on the Vinton and Forest sites at Twentieth and Vinton and Thirteenth and Canton, respectively.

GIRL BESIEGED WITH OFFERS

Young Woman from Iowa Has Twenty Places Tendered Her in One Day.

Although the police department received over twenty requests in one day for the services of a girl to work in a private family, it is not thought that an employment bureau will be established at the station.

The cause, however, for this unusual number of requests is the arrival of Miss Gertie Davis of Earling, Ia., at the police station Thursday evening. The girl came to Omaha from the Iowa town without funds and was wandering around town thinking what she had best do, when Officer Knox took her to the station, where she told her story. She wanted employment in some private family, was willing to work if a place could be found for her. Chief of Police Donahue, noticing the girl's quiet and sincere manner, placed her in the matron's department until a place could be found for her to work. A little item in the morning papers was sufficient to bring a host of applicants to the station in quest of the girl's services. Miss Davis is 19 years of age and has been located in the home of a local physician.

BEGINS SOON ON THE SEWER

Construction Work on Saddle Creek Drain Will Be Started Middle of April.

Construction of the Saddle Creek sewer will be begun the middle of April, according to Contractor J. O. Corby. He will begin at California street and work north, and plans to begin placing material on the ground in a few days.

James P. Connolly, from whom Corby wrested the contract after a hard fight in the city council and the Board of Public Works, has stated that he will not undertake to hamper the construction of the sewer or seek to have the present arrangements declared void. As the job will cost $25,000, action of this kind from Connolly had been feared.

HARD WORK TO GET AT DIKES

Many Obstacles Arise to Make Task of Improving Missouri River Difficult One.

Much unexpected difficulty is being experienced in getting the material for the building of the East Omaha dike to a point where it will be available for the beginning of the work. It was supposed when the project was undertaken that the construction would be well under way before this time, while as a matter of fact the workmen have thus far been able to get only about forty of the necessary seventy-eight piles on the scene of the contemplated operations and the stone and other materials that must be used are in an equally minus state. The difficulty is that the roads to the river bank are well nigh impassable, owing to the water and mud, for an ordinary team, to say nothing of one heavily loaded. Many attempts have been made, with the result that the piles and other construction material are scattered along the course for a half mile where they have been unloaded piecemeal as the wagons sunk lower and lower in the mire.

SECOND CAUGHT UNDER ORDER

"Johnnie" Wright Pays Hundred Dollars for Keeping Saloon Open After Midnight.

John Wright, colored proprietor of a saloon at the corner of Twelfth and Dodge streets, has been fined $100 and costs by Judge Berka in police court for having been found guilty of allowing his saloon to remain open between the hours of midnight and 4 a. m., contrary to the statutes. This is the second conviction under the recent order that saloons shall be closed between the hours referred to.

REACHES FIVE HUNDRED MARK

Membership of Dixie Club Grows—Permanent Organization Will Take Place Next Thursday.

The membership of the Dixie club has passed the 500 mark and is still growing. The prospect for the grand rally of the southerners at Arcanum hall Thursday evening, March 31, is reported as encouraging. The committee on entertainment will meet tonight in the Bankers Union hall, in the Paxton block, to complete the program contemplate music, banjo solos, coon songs, a cakewalk and other southern social diversions. The committee on constitution and bylaws will meet tonight at room 203 First National bank building to complete its report, which will be submitted at the big rally next Thursday night.

The following additional sponsors have been designated: Miss Craggy Dagley, Arkansas; Miss Margaret Burdock, Delaware; Mrs. Charles Brailman, West Virginia; Miss Fannie Edmondson, Louisiana, and Mrs. J. L. Carlson, Georgia, thus leaving but the District of Columbia to be provided for.

"Aunt Susan" Johnson of Beatrice has written the club that she wishes to superintend the cooking of the "'possum" dinner for the meeting, and won't "chawg you alls nothin'."

BOYS WAITING TO GET HOMES

Lads from Utah Kept by Matron Anderson Until They Secure Places.

The two little Sullivan boys, Fred and Leslie, who were taken to the police station Thursday morning and placed in the matron's department, are still being held until they shall have been located in homes. They came here from Salt Lake City with the purpose of staying with their 18-year-old brother, who has been found to be barely able to take care of himself.

Police Matron Anderson states that after a day's acquaintance with the boys she has found them to be bright for their ages—12 and 14. The younger boy, Leslie, is fairly proficient in shorthand and typewriting and it is thought he will be located in the home of an Omaha lawyer who is waiting for the consent of his wife before taking the boy.

According to the story of the boys their mother died ten years ago and their father left them two years ago. Their sister is now in a home in Salt Lake City and their older brother in Omaha.

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